

Throughout his life, Mr. Elmore was highly respected by his community, employees and family. He was known for his innovative water management practices and active participation with well-regarded organizations such as Imperial County Farm Bureau, Imperial Valley Vegetable Growers Association, and the Western Growers Association, among others.

Furthermore, Mr. Elmore never hesitated to support local youth activities such as Brawley and Westmorland Little League, Brawley Parks and Recreation Youth Sports, and the Boys and Girls Club of Brawley. He will always be remembered by all those that were lucky enough to experience his goodwill.

IN RECOGNITION OF RUTH HYMAN

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Ruth Hyman on the occasion of her 95th birthday this year. I would like to join with her family and friends in honoring her remarkable accomplishments and philanthropy.

Born and raised in Long Branch, New Jersey, Ruth Hyman continues to give back to the community. At a young age, Ms. Hyman recognized the meaning of generosity and has spent her life working to make a difference in the world. Her achievements are numerous, wide-ranging and noteworthy, from serving in the federal government to opening her own small business. She has been actively involved with various organizations, including the Long Branch Hadassah, Deborah Hospital, Jewish Family and Children's Services, the Jewish Community Center, and Congregation of Brothers of Israel. She is also a life member of Daughters of Miriam and the Central Jersey Jewish Home for the Aged. Ms. Hyman is an esteemed member of the Jewish community and a passionate philanthropist.

Ms. Hyman's impact on the community has not gone unnoticed. The Chabad House at Rutgers University presented her with the Kesser Shem Tov (Crown of a Good Name) award and she was named Philanthropist of the Year from Generations ElderCare Charity, among many other honors.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Ruth Hyman on her 95th birthday. I know that I join with all those who know her in expressing my sincere gratitude for her warm and giving nature and immeasurable contributions to our community. Her leadership and spirit of generosity are truly admirable.

HONORING MR. JOHN P. SINDONI

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend and fellow Holy Cross alumnus, Mr. John P. Sindoni, Esq., class of 1967. John has served with distinction as a highly effective class chair and co-chair of the Holy Cross Alumni Association since graduation.

Through his dedicated efforts, he has kept his classmates informed, energized and sup-

portive of the Holy Cross mission. He has maintained a strong bond with the College for 47 years since graduation. Since 1967, his engaging and informative class letters to his fellow Crusaders has added to the cohesiveness of our class.

The esprit de corps John has sustained among his classmates and the strong ties he has helped them to maintain with their Alma Mater have led to record levels of participation in annual giving to the Holy Cross Fund from the Class of 1967. Thanks to his work, a majority of our classmates have donated generously for the past thirty years. During reunion years, that number hovers closer to 70 percent.

John has also been a driving force in the Holy Cross Club of Central New York and a leader among a core group of dedicated alumni in the Syracuse area. A frequent organizer, sponsor and host of alumni activities in his hometown, John is a prominent alumnus whose dedication to the College is widely known. John has mentored many young Holy Cross graduates over the years and has fostered interest in Holy Cross among students at the Christian Brothers Academy in Syracuse, where his decades of work has earned him recognition for distinguished service.

After college, John graduated from Cornell University Law School and is now a partner in the law firm Hiscock & Barclay, LLP. He and his lovely wife, Cecilia, live in Cicero, NY, and have six children, including Laura, Holy Cross Class of 2005.

Mr. Speaker, John deserves the recognition of this body for a job well done. His years of service have made our class, college, and our country ever more deserving of our respect and our pride.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL UNION 375

HON. MATT CARTWRIGHT

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 100th anniversary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 375 and to acknowledge their persistent endeavor to fairly represent their members.

On February 3, 1914, a dedicated group of seventeen electricians organized into the Local Union 375. Their goal was to obtain better wages and better working conditions. In 1947, LU 375 initiated an apprenticeship program. Now seen as a key function, the apprenticeship program meets the demand for high quality electricians highly skilled in fiber-optics and advanced technologies as well as the traditional delivery modes. That same year, LU 375 joined the National Electrical Contractors Association, which leveraged their bargaining power. The benefits afforded members increased again in 1961, when the Health and Welfare Plan was put in place to provide healthcare and other benefits. Another milestone was reached on June 1, 1990, when LU 375 began to train Telecommunication Technicians as part of the Telephone Interconnect Communications system agreement.

On December 19, 1998, LU 375 moved to their new office and training center at what is now their current headquarters in Allentown. A short eleven years later, in 2009, they hired their first full-time Training Director and expanded the apprenticeship program. Today, they serve up to 150 apprentices in their training center and offer programs to keep veteran members current on the newest techniques and technologies. Although hit by the economic downturn in 2008, they have since seen new opportunities, including those generated by the redevelopment of downtown Allentown through the Neighborhood Improvement Zone awarded in 2013.

As one of the oldest unions in the region, LU 375 has grown to a membership approaching 1100, with ranks continuing to expand thanks to well-planned organizing. After 100 years, the IBEW Local Union 375 has remained true to their mission to provide strong, fair representation and open communication for members, fellow unions, contractors, and the community. It is an honor for me to recognize their 100 years of service and fraternity.

HONORING MR. EUGENE HICKS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Entrepreneur of Clarksdale, Mound Bayou, Mississippi.

Clarksdale business owner, Eugene Hicks, Sr., continues to receive recognition for his world famous hot tamales. He has been featured on the Food Networks television show, Rachel Ray's, Chile Pepper, Southern Living, Esquire magazines and other national magazines. He has also been featured in the local and national newspapers.

Mr. Hicks has hosted and served quite a few famous people and celebrities from the late, John F. Kennedy Jr., and John Amos, Blues entertainers, Bobbie Rush, Rufus Thomas, Tyrone Davis, and many worldwide tourist travelers. The most exciting historical event hosting and serving President Bill Clinton, Rev. Jessie Jackson, and several Mississippi governors including Governor Ray Mabus, Governor Ronnie Musgrove, and Governor Haley Barbour, and many more distinguished customers.

Mr. Hicks, who is now 70 years old, has been making tamales since age 16 when he was introduced to the cooking craft by the late Angelo Thompson who was the owner of Liberty Super Market in Clarksdale. Mr. Thompson instructed him on how to properly cut meat and how to manage a store and a restaurant. Mr. Hicks started working at the Liberty Super Market at the age of 12 years. He would work after school and worked at local stores doing various types jobs.

During the same time around the age of 12, an older black gentleman named Acy Ware befriended him. Mr. Ware made and sold tamales to the public by push cart and Mr. Hicks would go back and forth to the local grocery stores on his bike to pick up the different spices and shucks that Mr. Ware needed to make his tamales. A couple of years later, Mr. Ware taught Mr. Hicks how to make tamales